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To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

The Course of Study for the present school year authorizes the use of only the Silver-Burdett Readers as the standard series in the third, fourth, and fifth grades. It need not be inferred, however, that in districts where a sufficient number of these readers cannot be obtained the Brumbaugh Readers formerly in use are not to be continued. The Department cannot supply a larger number of the Silver--Burdett Readers, and Superintendents are authorized to use the Brumbaugh wherever necessary.

The Cornman and Gerson "Geography Primer", for use in the fourth and fifth grades, will be issued to Superintendents before the close of the first term. It should be noted that the Course of Study does not demand the use of this book until the second term of the fourth grade. For work in the fifth grade, the course in Dodge's "Elementary Geography" outlined in the Course of Study provides sufficient material.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner of Education